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In re application of:

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APPL. NO.: 09/826,176

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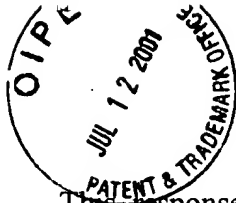
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers Dated May 8, 2001 requesting that Applicant file substitute drawings because the drawing figures contain text that is not in English, Applicant respectfully submits that the only figure which contains text not in English is FIGURE 7 which Applicant respectfully submits does not have to be in English for the reasons given below.

In particular and as stated in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, FIGURE 7 is merely a pictorial view of an input screen and is not a flow diagram of the operation of the present invention. It is only in Japanese because the application was originally filed in Japan; and since it is only an exemplar view of a screen, Applicant respectfully submits that it does not fall within 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) or 1.52(d)(1) and need not be translated.

Notwithstanding the above, if the USPTO still requires a translated figure after considering the above, Applicant will do so.



This response is a good faith response by Applicant and Applicant respectfully requests that it should be treated as such.

Respectfully Submitted,

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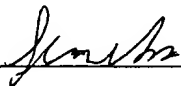
Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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